

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: reviewed manuscript-34865.doc).

Title: The paradoxical expression pattern of the epithelial mesenchymal transition-related biomarkers CD44, SLUG, N-cadherin and VSIG1/Glycoprotein A34 in gastrointestinal stromal tumors

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Reviewer`s 1 opinion

A manuscript with message. Very good. Priority publishing

Authors' answers

Thank you for your positive answer

Reviewer`s 2 opinion

This paper mainly reported that the author proved in literature the possible role of VSIG1 in GISTs at the first time, which is related with expression of the other markers involved in the epithelial mesenchymal/mesenchymal epithelial transition. It is an interesting paper in this field, but there are some concerns about this research article. 1. The background of this article is not very clear, especially about the role of five of the biomarkers, which are usually involved in the epithelial mesenchymal transition/mesenchymal epithelial transition (EMT/MET). I think it is important in this article, please make it perfect. 2. There is a small mistake in the article, in the sentence of "Regarding SLUG and GIST, the cases were considered positive based on the nuclear and/or cytoplasmic staining (Figure 2).", the "GIST" should be "VSIG1", please check it. Very good. Priority publishing

Authors' answers

Thank you for your positive answer. The Introduction was modified, the sentence was changed. Thank you again!

Reviewer`s 3 opinion

Congratulations for the quality of yours work. Good. Minor language polishing

Authors' answers

Thank you for your positive answer. According to your suggestion, the final variant of the paper was polished by the English proofread Professional Editing Service – we have mentioned their contribution in the Acknowledgment and attached the certificate of polishing.

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Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Oncology*

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